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SUBJECT: MOOD IN THE GULF FOLLOWING IRAN-IRAQ ACCORD

1. FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT HEAD LUCAS BRIEFED US (AND VISITING DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AHERNE) MAY 8 ON REACTION HE HAD PERCEIVED DURING HIS RECENT ORIENTATION VISIT THERE IN SEVERAL GULF STATES ON IRAN-IRAQ ACCORD. HE SAID PERMSEC RASHID OF KUWAITI MFA APPEARED VERY SELF-CONFIDENT. HE GAVE LUCAS A GLITTERING SPEECH ABOUT KUWAITI DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY, SAYING THAT EL-SABAH FAMILY IS ONLY ONE ELEMENT IN KUWAITI GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO LUCAS, RASHID SAID KUWAIT WELCOMES IRAQ-IRAN ACCORD, DESPITE SOME WORRIES ABOUT IT. ACCORD WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING BROKEN THE LOGJAM OF IRAN-IRAQ HOSTILITY, WHICH
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CAN ONLY BE GOOD FOR EVERYBODY.

2. COMMENT: LUCAS AGREED WITH OUR COMMENT THAT THIS CONVERSATION RAN CONTRARY TO FCO THEORY EXPRESSED IN RECENT US-UK TALKS ON THE GULF THAT KUWAITIS ARE RUNNING SCARED OF IRAQ FOLLOWING THE ACCORD AND MAY HAVE GOOD REASON TO DO SO. END COMMENT.

3. ON OTHER HAND, LUCAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THEME HE PERCEIVED IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH KHALIFA IN QATAR, FOREIGN MINISTER IN BAHRAIN, AND ALSO RASHID IN KUWAIT ALL OF WHOM SEEMED TO BE ATTRACTED BY PARALLEL THEY SAW BETWEEN IRAQ-IRAN ACCORD AND POSSIBLE PEACEMAKING BETWEEN OMAN AND SOUTH YEMEN. LUCAS THOUGHT GULF STATES WERE GETTING CARRIED AWAY AND AGREED WITH US THAT OMAN AND PDRY DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE AS MUCH TO GAIN (AND AS LITTLE TO LOSE) IN REACHING PEACE AGREEMENT AS IRAQ AND IRAN DID.

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